



Coram Beanstalk's service is simple yet highly effective. We recruit, train and support volunteers to provide consistent, one-to-one reading support to children aged 3-13 who need our help. Our reading helpers give them the support they need to improve their reading skills, reading ability and confidence.

Coram Beanstalk's volunteers transform the lives of the children they support, turning them into confident, passionate and able readers.

The children we help might have fallen behind with their reading, lack confidence, or struggle with their fluency, comprehension or vocabulary.

Our one-to-one reading support changes the child's life improving their reading ability, inspiring confidence in their own ability, increasing their enjoyment of reading.



### **How you can help:**

Each Coram Beanstalk reading helper works with an average of three children and provides consistent support on a weekly basis, for a whole school year. Together, they read, play and talk. With Coram Beanstalk's support the child's approach to reading and learning is often transformed:

- 97% of schools say that Coram Beanstalk's service saved their staff's valuable time.
- 96% of schools would recommend Coram Beanstalk to other schools.
- 94% of schools say that Coram Beanstalk reading helpers enabled them to offer one-to-one support to children that would be difficult to provide otherwise.
- 98% of schools agreed that their reading helpers helped children to improve their enjoyment of reading.

- 99% of schools agreed that their reading helpers helped children to improve their confidence.
- 97% of schools agreed that their reading helpers helped children to improve their attitude to reading.

If you would like to help transform a child's life, you can find out more about becoming a Coram Beanstalk reading helper by visiting our website



### How it works:

- Your placement will be in a school or nursery within 5 miles of your home or work.
- You'll support children between 3 and 13 years of age, depending on your volunteering role.
- You'll provide consistent support in reading, talking and listening.

### We need you to:

- Engage with children on a one-to-one basis
- Listen and communicate in a patient and positive manner
- Adapt to the abilities and interests of each individual child
- Recognise and praise children's achievements
- Be flexible and independent in a busy and modern school environment



As a reading helper you will play a vital role in nurturing children to be the best they can be. Confidence and self-esteem will be developed through fun, literacy-based activities, raising both reading attainment and future aspirations.

If you would like to give children, who otherwise may not get enough regular encouragement and support, a better chance to “read, grow and thrive” this volunteer opportunity could be perfect for you! You will read together using a range of books specially chosen to

engage children, talk and listen and foster a love of reading in the children you support in this sometimes challenging but very rewarding role.

### How we support you:

Coram Beanstalk is there for you every step of the way during your reading helper journey, with professional training, telephone, email and online support, local coffee mornings and meetings and regional conferences.

**Next steps:**

You can find more information about our volunteer roles, where we work and how to apply by visiting our website. <https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/Pages/Category/about-volunteering>